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REMARKS

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1. In early June 1952, [redacted] the komendaturas which had been disbanded several years ago were reestablished in Luckau and Bad Liebenwerda and other towns in the Kreise.

2. In early June, the Weimarerischer Hof Hotel was derequisitioned by the Soviets. Six two-family houses on Stifter Strasse and a number of houses near Kernberg had been vacated by the civilian population, and continued to remain vacant. No information on their future use was available. (1)

3. At 5 p.m. on 18 July, a column of 17 sidecar motorcycles each occupied by three soldiers armed with submachine guns and including 8 sidecars mounting light machine guns, 1 light armored scout car and 4 trucks [redacted] and 2 trucks towing AT guns were seen leaving Reichenberg in the direction of Dresden. (2)

4. On 21 July, the komendatura in Doebeln (N 52/K 79) was occupied by about 50 soldiers and a large number of officers. The komendatura was located in the Wappenstift building on Oschatzerstrasse. (3)

5. On 26 July, 53 [redacted] trucks were unloaded in Luckenwalde (N 53/K 70). They were hauled to the Norddeutsche Maschinenwerke plant. (4)

Comments.

(1) The Stifter Strasse in Jena borders the barracks installation in Loebstedt. A previous report in November 1951 indicated that the barracks area would be enlarged.

(2) [redacted] The units observed possibly were elements of a motorcycle battalion of the First Gds Mecz Army or the 11th Gds Tank Div stationed in Dresden.

(3) A report [redacted] indicated that the komendatura was established there on 7 June 1952.

(4) The new trucks probably were part of the motor vehicle exchange program and were destined for the 91st Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army stationed in the Norddeutsche Werke.

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